

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method comprising:
 - determining a problem from a context;
 - finding an on-demand task associated with the problem; and
 - presenting a notification of the availability of the on-demand task.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - passing the context to the on-demand task.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the presenting the notification further comprises:
 - displaying an icon indicating that the on-demand task is available.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - determining whether a use of the on-demand task is available.
5. An apparatus comprising:
 - means for determining a problem from a context;
 - means for finding an on-demand task associated with the problem; and
 - means for displaying an icon indicating that the on-demand task is available.
6. The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising:
 - means for passing the context to the on-demand task in response to a selection of the icon.
7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the problem comprises a condition.
8. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the problem comprises a function.

9. A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed comprise:

- determining a problem from a context;
- finding an on-demand task associated with the problem;
- displaying an icon indicating that the on-demand task is available; and
- passing the context to the on-demand task in response to a selection of the icon.

10. The signal-bearing medium of claim 9, further comprising:

- determining whether a user is authorized to use the on-demand task.

11. The signal-bearing medium of claim 9, further comprising:

- determining whether a user is authorized to purchase a use of the on-demand task.

12. The signal-bearing medium of claim 9, further comprising:

- processing a purchase of a use of the on-demand task.

13. A computer system comprising:

- a processor; and

- memory encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:

- determining a problem from a context,
 - finding an on-demand task associated with the problem,
 - displaying an icon indicating that the on-demand task is available,
 - passing the context to the on-demand task in response to a selection of the icon, and
 - determining whether a use of the on-demand task is available.

14. The computer system of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

- processing a purchase of the use of the on-demand task.

15. The computer system of claim 13, wherein the problem comprises a condition

16. The computer system of claim 13, wherein the problem comprises a function.

17. A method of configuring a computer to perform the method comprising:

configuring the computer to determine a problem from a context;

configuring the computer to find an on-demand task associated with the problem;

and

configuring the computer to present a notification of the availability of the on-demand task.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

configuring the computer to pass the context to the on-demand task.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the configuring the computer to present the notification further comprises:

configuring the computer to display an icon indicating that the on-demand task is available.

20. The method of claim 17, further comprising:

configuring the computer to determine whether a use of the on-demand task is available.